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1. Four gear trains with couplings for capacities up to 1,500 hp. were manufactured in August 1953 by the Krupp-Gruson works at Magdeburg as part of a Soviet reparations order. Two more of the same kind were manufactured in September. These gears are not intended for the Soviet Union, but for the Soviet German zone. The gears had to be rebuilt several times, because of damaging effects on the couplings and gears caused by the play between the axles and frames.
2. Toothed wheel gears are manufactured for locomotives. The production of tank turrets has been suspended for several months. The production of sprocket wheels and track links continues. However, of 126 tons of sprockets manufactured for various uses in September, a large part were returned because the toothed rims were either too weak or too brittle.

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